

CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY RECORD

Probably not many members of the Society realise that it possesses a fine library of liturgical and devotional material, which has its home in the southwest loft at Greyfriars. It would be good to see this facility being used more than it is at present. The Council authorised last year the purchase of further bookcases so that material could be more effectively displayed, and a new catalogue of the library's contents is now nearly completed. With a future issue of the Record we will try to issue a catalogue to members, or at least an indication of what the library holds, along with arrangements for access and borrowing.

This resource has been accumulated over many years, largely by the random and unpredictable means of generous donations and bequests. I would like to see us move in the direction of an annual allocation of funds, so that the stock of books can be increased at the time when liturgical developments are taking place rather than a generation later. Many of the books, such as early Service books and Scottish Prose Psalters, are long since out of print; if there had been a steady planned input over the years the collection would now be more comprehensive than it is.

Until the new catalogue is published, any member wishing to find out if particular books are available should get in touch with me. And any who are clearing out their study prior to retirement might please bear in mind the library's existence!

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